

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Assignee: Cisco Technology, Inc.  
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS SUPPORTING NETWORK  
COMMUNICATIONS THROUGH A FIREWALL  
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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated February 27, 2007, having a shortened statutory period expiring on May 27, 2007. Filed herewith is a Petition for Extension of Time requesting a two-month extension, thereby giving the undersigned a period until Friday, July 27, 2007, in which to respond. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

No Amendments to the Specification or the Drawings are presented in this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are presented on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.